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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) A sum of Rs. 4,560 from out of the interest accrued on the securities relating to the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund has been distributed among 38 poor tuberculosis patients."

Representation from Mangalore Tile and Cashewnut Workers' Unions re *lay-off wages*

* 1166 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Mangalore Tile Workers' Union and the Mangalore Cashewnut Workers' Union requesting the Government to apply the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, in respect of lay-off, wages, etc., to the workers in the above industries; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government have decided not to declare any industry as such as 'seasonal' or 'intermittent' under the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953, but to consider requests from individual industrial establishments on the merits of each case."

Complaint against a Sub-Inspector of Police

* 1167 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation on 1st June 1954 from one Sri K. S. Muthan, a resident of the Kadambakkam cheri in Villupuram taluk of South Arcot district addressed to the Collector of South Arcot alleging certain police excesses;

(b) if so, the complaints against the Sub-Inspector of Police; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (c) The Collector of South Arcot received a representation from Sri K. S. Muthan in which he had made certain complaints against the police. The allegations were that the Sub-Inspector of Police, Villupuram Taluk station, had been harassing Muthan and his partymen at the instigation of another person named Appavoo, that the Sub-Inspector arrested Muthan and his men without sufficient justification on two occasions and also beat them while they were in custody. The inquiry made by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tindivanam, has revealed that the allegations are either false or are distortions of facts."